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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT

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1. INFORMATION CONTAINED REF WAS CONVEYED TO DR. RUBIONO DECEMBER 2. HE SUBSEQUENTLY CONFIRMED THAT LT. GENERAL AMIR MACHMUD WILL KEEP APPOINTMENT INDICATED IN REF AND EXPRESSED DEEP GRATITUDE FOR THESE ARRANGEMENTS.

2. ALTHOUGH FINAL TRAVEL DETAILS ARE NOT AVAILABLE, INTERIOR MINISTER PLANS TO DEPART JAKARTA MORNING DECEMBER 6 AND WILL REMAIN OVERNIGHT IN TOKYO. HE PLANS DEPART TOKYO VIA NORTHWEST AIRLINES AND PROCEED EITHER THROUGH ANCHORAGE OR SEATTLE TO DULLES, LEAVING TOKYO DECEMBER 7, ARRIVING DULLES SAME DATE. HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AND SON, WHO IS 24 OR 25 YEARS OLD. HE WILL ALSO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AIDE-DE-CAMP AND CLOSE FAMILY FRIEND, MR. BARAMULI, WHO IS RETIRED INTERIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL. IN ADDITION, DR. AND MRS. SUKAMAN, BOTH OF WHOM ARE M.D.S FROM THE ARMED FORCES HOSPITAL, WILL BE IN ATTENDANCE. DR. RUBIONO PROMISED PROVIDE PRECISE TRAVEL DETAILS AND FULL NAMES ON DECEMBER 3 OR 4. HE BELIEVES ALL MEMBERS OF PARTY WILL HAVE DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS. PASSPORTS WILL BE PRESENTED AT EMBASSY FOR VISAS DECEMBER 3 OR 4. MINISTER'S ENGLISH IS VERY WEAK BUT DR. SUKAMAN SPEAKS ADEQUATE ENGLISH FOR TRAVEL AND WASHINGTON ARRANGEMENTS.

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3. DR. RUBIONO SAID HE WOULD BE SENDING MESSAGE TO AMBASSADOR RUSMIN IN WASHINGTON DECEMBER 3 IN WHICH HE WOULD INFORM AMBASSADOR OF INTERIOR MINISTER'S INTENDED TRAVEL. HE SAID, HOWEVER, HE WOULD NOT DISCLOSE REASON FOR TRAVEL IN MESSAGE, BUT WOULD ENTRUST DR. SUKAMAN TO CONVEY THIS ORALLY TO AMBASSADOR RUSMIN. DR. RUBIONO WILL ALSO AUTHORIZE GENERAL NICHLANY TO BE MADE PRIVY TO PURPOSE OF TRAVEL BUT HE DOES NOT WISH EITHER RUSMIN OR NICHLANY TO BE MADE AWARE OF FINAL DIAGNOSIS. RUBIONO ADDED HE HAD DISCUSSED ALL OF THIS WITH PRESIDENT SUHARTO AND HAD TOLD PRESIDENT THAT IN RUBIONO'S OPINION THE PROGNOSIS WAS POOR. RUBIONO CONTINUED THAT PRESIDENT ASKED THAT HIS THANKS BE CONVEYED TO U.S. GOVERNMENT FOR THIS ASSISTANCE AND REQUESTED RUBIONO NOT CONVEY HIS OPINION CONCERNING PROGNOSIS TO GENERAL MACHMUD.

4. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RUBIONO SAID HE WOULD ASK AMBASSADOR RUSMIN TO ARRANGE FOR ACCOMMODATIONS AT WATERGATE HOTEL FOR ENTIRE PARTY. IN ADDITION, HE WILL ASK REPRESENTATIVES FROM EMBASSY MEET MINISTER'S PARTY UPON ARRIVAL DULLES. RUBIONO SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL TO ALSO GREET PARTY UPON ARRIVAL BUT ASKED THAT AMBASSADOR NEWSOM NOT REPEAT NOT BE PRESENT AT AIRPORT WHEN PARTY LEAVES JAKARTA SINCE PRESS RELEASE, WHICH WILL BE GIVEN AT THE TIME, WILL STATE GENERAL MACHMUD IS PROCEEDING TO TOKYO AND WILL NOT SPECIFY ANY OTHER DESTINATION. RUBIONO ADDED HE BELIEVED IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR SENIOR OFFICIAL SUCH AS SECRETARY HUMMEL TO CALL ON MINISTER DURING HIS STAY IN WASHINGTON. RUBIONO EXPECTS GENERAL NICHLANY WILL BE CONTROL OFFICER DURING PARTY'S STAY IN WASHINGTON.

5. ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING EXACT ITINERARY WILL BE FORWARDED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. FACILITATIVE CUSTOMS ASSISTANCE AT PORT OF ENTRY WOULD BE APPRECIATED.  
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